PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our trees, forests and forest influences are essential to the livelihood, well-being and recreation of the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, our trees protect valuable watersheds, provide wildlife habitat, provide sources of raw material for timber industries, serve to temper the winds for erosion control, and enhance the general beauty of the state; and

WHEREAS, our trees and forests are one of our few renewable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is most desirable that schools, civic organizations, farmers, newspapers, youth groups, young and old slike, participate in programs and ceremonies which emphasize the need for planting and care of trees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nils A. Boe, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 1966, as

ARBOR DAY

and respectfully urge that appropriate exercises be held in the public schools; that the newspapers of the state lend their assistance; that civic, church, farm and youth organizations units in directing the attention of the people to the need and importance of conserving and increasing this vital natural resource. Let Arbor Day be a tree planting day and a day in which we commemorate the future instead of the past. I earnestly request that the day be observed in a loyal and public spirited manner by all our people, and that Arbor Day will become a symbol of our faith in the future.

> IN WITHESS WHEREOF, I have horeunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this

> > Governor

ATTEST:

(SEAL)